

Industrial Insurance Chiropractic Advisory Committee (IICAC) Meeting Minutes

Date: November 20, 2008 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.



Final

Present: Robert Baker, DC
Clay Bartness, DC
Roger Coleman, DC
Linda DeGroot, DC
Michael Dowling, DC, Chair
Lissa Grannis, DC
Jay Lawhead, DC
Bill Pratt, DC, Vice Chair
Ron Wilcox, DC
Bob Mootz, DC
Janet Blume
Carole Horrell
La Vonda McCandless
Joanne McDaniel

Absent:

Guests: Jason McGill
Reshma Kearney

Assignments:

PPQ members have large literature review reading assignments.

The subcommittees will continue to draft their action plans and work on their deliverables.

General Business

10/15/08 IICAC minutes:

Moved, Seconded, Carried: Make these changes:

- Remove shading,
- correct "HAS" to "HSA" on p.2,
- Next Meeting should read December

Introductions:

Jason McGill, the new Office of the Medical Director Administrator was introduced. He was an assistant attorney general most recently and litigated workers' compensation cases. He's well versed in the issues that the IICAC addresses.

PEO Subcommittee Report:

Ron Wilcox, DC, chair, reported that last month the team worked on the 11/15/08 Reducing Your Practice Headaches . . . and 12/6/08 Advanced Topics in WA Workers' Compensation seminars. Work is beginning on the 4/18 and 19/09 sessions of both seminars to be presented at the Grant-Adams County Chiropractic Society annual meeting.

The Chiropractic Consultant Program may go to an open enrollment application process instead of every 2 years to give doctors the flexibility to apply as soon as they meet the requirements. The current open enrollment period ends in two weeks with three applications received to date.

PPQ Subcommittee Report:

Jay Lawhead, DC, chair, reported that the literature review continue toward developing practice aids. The team will review the Industrial Insurance Medical Advisory Committee's current draft of carpal

tunnel syndrome guidelines that are currently available for review and comment, with a vote planned for the January 15, 2009 IICAC meeting

IICAC 2009 Meeting Calendar

The draft was revised and will be distributed at the next IICAC meeting.

Provider Account Representatives

L&I has two provider account representatives to help providers resolve billing and other problems. Their contact information was distributed, so that IICAC members can inform colleagues of this service.

Department Updates: Bob Mootz, DC clarified that paper file reviews can only be requested by the insurer, not by attending doctors. Infrequently, chiropractic radiologists receive requests for this service from doctors.

Several department staff are reviewing the payment structure for chiropractic radiologists to equal medical radiologists. They are the only chiropractic specialty that has identical residency and training requirements as their medical counterparts.

Government Affairs:

At this time, none of L&I's legislative agenda has impact on providers. However, the governor's general cost containment drive may impact all of us. The big, ongoing push will be for better use of evidence to obtain approval for care.

Next Meeting:

The IICAC will reconvene on Thursday, December 17, 2008 from 8:30 to 9:00 am, followed by subcommittee work sessions that adjourn at 11:30 am.